

Library Advisory Board
July 12th, 2022
5:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Library Advisory Board of the City of Kearney, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 5:07 p.m. on July 12th, 2022, in the Niobrara room. Present were: Evan Lewandowski, Chairperson, Board Members Stefanie Green, Connie Jelkin and Patricia Bruner. Absent: John Icenogle. City staff present were: Matthew Williams, Library Director, Christine Walsh, Assistant Director and Nicole Whipkey, Recording Secretary. Some of the citizens present in the audience included: None.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Kearney Hub, the designated method for giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Chairperson and Board Members. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Library Advisory Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Evan Lewandowski, Chairperson announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and is posted at the library outside of the meeting rooms.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Bruner seconded by Green that the Minutes of the Library Advisory Board Meeting held on March 8th, 2022 be approved. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Icenogle. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

May and June 2022

Adult Classes

- Pub Quiz @ Cunningham's Journal (2)
- Pub Quiz Online (2)
- Writer's Block (4)
- Knot Just Knitting (18)
- Open Book Club (2)
- Card Crafting
- Genealogy Quest (2)
- Meet Your Maker(space)
- Brown Bag History Series (2)
- Tech Trivia Thursday (2)
- Poetry: Spieker & Jacobs
- Writing Workshop: Jonis Agee

B.Y.O. Book Club (2)
Read & Bleed Blood Drive
Maker Craft: Summer Tumbler (3)
Sleuth Escape Room Night
Writing Your Family Story
Shutterfly Photo Books (2)
Hydration Tips & Tricks

All Ages

Kickoff To Summer!
Edible Book Festival
Storybook Walk
Book A Librarian
Words & Water Contest
Summer Reading Challenge
Bike Helmets
Paws To Read: Meet The Therapy Dogs
Magician Jeff Quinn
Family Puzzle Night
Paint By Sticker
Be A Bookaneer
Mystery Mosaics
Water Safety w/ CHI Health & Safe Kids
Crane River: High School Musical (2)
Extreme Dot To Dots
Family Game Night: Tenzi!
Chalk The Walk
Scratch Art

Youth and Teen Classes

Toddler Storytime (4)
Preschool Storytime (4)
Virtual LEGO Club (2)
Crafternoon (2)
Paws to Read
Mug Monday!
Teen Mug Monday! (2)
Teen: DIY
1000 Books Before Kindergarten
Dot To Dots
Cork Boats

Meetings Attended

4 City Management Team Meetings
Foundation Board Meeting
Advisory Board Meeting
Friends of KPL Board Meeting
2 Library Management Team Meetings
3 Central Plains Library System Meetings

6 Library Administrative Meetings
3 Staff Evaluations/Check-In's
Budget Meeting with CM
Clerk Staff Meeting
(2) Nebraska Overdrive Libraries Collection Development Committee
One Author Kearney

Stories:

Assistant Director

"I am thrilled with how it worked out to have our (art) show at the library! And my heart practically exploded when I watched one of our families walk over and ask how to get a library card for their child!" - Mikaela R. (Christine)

Crystal V. gave us a nice thank you card from Little Fish Preschool – the front has pictures of the students holding up letters spelling "thank you" and the back reads "Thanks so much for another year of Bookmobile! The kids love the opportunity!" (Stacey & Christine)

Heidi S., a first-grade teacher for whom we deliver a Bookmobile box, told me this evening how much her students love getting the Bookmobile books. She said that they cheer when they begin looking at them and actually fight over who gets to read what first (dinosaur and farm books are especially "fightable"). She also mentioned that she visits other libraries when she visits other cities...and that KPL "blows them away". (Stacey & Christine)

Thank you for bringing Jonis Agee to lead the writing workshop! She inspired me to tackle family stories I have been thinking about writing for ages but hadn't taken any action. Now I feel I have the tools to jump in and start. This workshop was energizing! (Christine)

From Jonis Agee (2022 One Book One Nebraska Author)

It was so good to finally see you in person in Kearney! And what a terrific visit! Every aspect of it was so well-organized and managed that it just flowed from one thing to another, making me feel welcome!

I have to say that your library is just stunning! You must hear that a lot, but to see the art work and the well-appointed rooms and the stacks and the friendly staff, it just made my heart glad. I could spend days in your library just browsing and reading and learning it's such a fine refuge.

The workshop attendees were smart and pretty good writers too, and the lunch you provided was an especially nice touch!

The Book Club meeting was one of the best I've had. The women were so interested in literature and ideas that it made for good discussion! I very much felt as if I could join that group and feel perfectly at home.

Thank you for such a good visit! It's one of the highlights of my journey this year with One Book! I hope to see you again! My best, Jonis (Christine)

Circulation

A patron came in today with her two young sons. She thanked me for helping her with information on the summer reading program and the 1000 books before Kindergarten program. She said we have a beautiful library, the staff is always so helpful, and that we have a wonderfully large selection of great books. (April)

A patron came in and told me about her grandchildren. They visit from out of state each summer, and the first thing they ask is when they get to visit the Kearney library! It's become a summer tradition for them. (Marlana)

Reference

A young man came in wanting to use the microfilm – he said he's used it before but forgot how to wind the film in. He was looking at the early 1970s Hubs. I said to him, "We do have this digitized and searchable on the computer now, if that's easier...." His jaw literally dropped and he said, "You DO??" Signed him up for a library card and showed him how to access it in the library & remotely. (Sarah Haack)

We have a patron who I see about once a month on Thursday evenings. He comes in around 6 and takes as many magazines as he can carry back to Adult Fiction. Really! It's about half of the new magazines on display. Very wide selection (anything from ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST to WOMEN'S HEALTH.) Last night, at closing, I knew the magazines were not back on the shelves. I headed back to Adult Fiction with a cart. I met him just as he was carrying all of them out of Adult Fiction. I told him he could just put them on the cart, which he did, and we headed back towards the Circ Desk/front door. He said, "I'm from Lincoln - and Lincoln has some great libraries. None of them compare to this library!" Anyway, this patron really appreciates our magazine selection! And our comfy place to read them (by the fireplace.) (from Jill Smiley)

Thank-you from a patron: Just a thank you for enriching the life of readers. I know you are responsible for the great authors to come to Kearney – and the super open book club activities. The books and authors have been a savior to me. I try to escape every evening to my den and submerge myself in a book. You have opened my reading eyes to the books and authors you have brought to us. I appreciate you, Sarah! (Sarah Haack)

A young lady I've been proctoring for asked how she could donate to the library because she really appreciated the ability to take her exams here, and our flexibility. (Sarah Haack)

TLC

I received a thank you in the mail for doing a tour for a group in town. The woman also mentioned that she brought her grandkids in to make buttons a week or so afterwards and that Libby helped them. She says that she and her three grandkids were there for around 2 hours and were engaged the whole time. "Libby was so good and patient with the kids. The kids were thrilled with the buttons and all of them think the Makerspace is AMAZING!" (Beth R.)

Youth

Thanks for doing all of this. It really breaks up our day and gives us fun things to look forward to doing. -Grandma at library program
Partial Facebook post by a patron. This was a Monday night when Sarah & I had a program and we were in a tornado warning.



W. Scott Heath
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Your annual reminder that Storm Season in Nebraska is both beautiful and terrifying. Picture 1 and Video 1 are from Monday night's storm, taken about 10 minutes apart. 10 minutes after THAT we had to evacuate to the [Kearney Public Library's](#) (awesome staff btw - very calm and collected) basement for a tornado warning. Pic 2 is from last night's storm - check out the storm wall clearly

COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN / PUBLIC SURVEY

Williams discussed the results of the public library survey. The survey was available for patrons from May 23 – June 30, 2022.

REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Bruner's term for the Advisory Board has expired. A new board member will be appointed and will begin their term at the next meeting in September. The board and KPL thank Bruner for her time, continued involvement and commitment to the Advisory Board and Kearney Public Library!

The chief glory of every people arises from its authors. -Samual Johnson

Luxury has never appealed to me, I like simple things, books, being alone, or with somebody who understands. -Daphne du Maurier

ADJOURN

Moved by Bruner seconded by Jelkin that the Board adjourn at 6:20 p.m. All those present voted Aye. Nay: None. Absent: Icenogle. Motion carried. The next meeting will be September 13th, 2022 at 5:00pm.

EVAN LEWANDOWSKI, CHAIRPERSON

STEFANIE GREEN, SECRETARY